

## PRELIMINARY REPORT

### Protected species interactions reported to the Commonwealth Fishery logbooks for the period 1 January to 31 March 2025.

This is the preliminary report compiling protected species interactions for the period 1 January to 31 March 2025 from official logbook records submitted to AFMA by fishers (concession holders). The Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) compiles and provides the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) these reports on behalf of Commonwealth fishers. The final and preliminary reports are published on the AFMA website at [Protected Species Interaction Reports](#).

Consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AFMA and DCCEEW, protected species refers to all listed threatened, migratory and marine species and cetaceans consistent with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). It is an offence for any person to undertake an activity in a Commonwealth area that results in the unintentional death, injury, trading, taking, keeping or moving of a species listed under the EPBC Act. However, the EPBC Act specifies certain actions are not offences, including actions undertaken in accordance with an accredited management plan or regime.

All Commonwealth-managed fisheries have been assessed and accredited under the EPBC Act on the basis that the management plan or regime includes all reasonable steps to ensure that members of protected species are not adversely affected by the fishing operation. If operators are fishing in accordance with the fishery management arrangements, it is not an offence to interact with a protected species. It is, however, an offence not to report these interactions.

Under the MoU between AFMA and DCCEEW, AFMA provides a quarterly summary of logbook reports on interactions with protected species in AFMA-managed fisheries to DCCEEW on behalf of fishers. New species may be added to EPBC Act lists and the tables below are updated accordingly. Logbook data is not routinely verified and therefore AFMA cannot attest to the accuracy of this data nor authenticate that this data is a complete record of all interactions occurring in these fisheries.

AFMA publishes protected species interaction reports on the [AFMA website](#) to allow interested stakeholders to have earlier access to this information. There may be minor differences between preliminary and final reports due to late submissions of logbooks to AFMA. The preliminary report of protected species interactions for AFMA-managed fisheries as reported in fishery logbooks for the period **1 January to 31 March 2025** is below. The report has been provided to DCCEEW and is compiled from official logbook records submitted to AFMA by fishers (concessions holders).

Protected species management fact sheets available on the [AFMA website](#) provide information on how protected species interactions are minimised including specific mitigation measures currently in place, thereby providing a useful context for the quarterly reports.

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Protected species interactions reported in Commonwealth Fishery logbooks for the period **1 January to 31 March 2025**

### Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Injured
Pelagic Longline	Albatrosses	27	17	9	1
	Australian Fur Seal	8	8	0	0
	Common Dolphin	1	1	0	0
	Green Turtle	3	3	0	0
	Leatherback Turtle	3	2	1	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	4	4	0	0
	Minke Whale	1	1	0	0
	Pacific (Olive) Ridely Turtle	2	2	0	0
	Shortfin Mako	7	6	1	0
	Toothed Whales	1	1	0	0
	Turtles	5	5	0	0
Total Interactions		62	50	11	1

### Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Pelagic Longline	Leatherback Turtle	2	2	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	1	1	0
Total Interactions		3	3	0

## Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery - Commonwealth Trawl Sector

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Bottom Otter Trawl	Albatrosses	7	1	6
	Australian Fur Seal	5	1	4
	Common Dolphin	3	0	3
	Dolphins	1	1	0
	New Zealand Fur Seal	6	0	6
	Seals	10	7	3
Danish Seine	Albatrosses	1	1	0
	Australian Fur Seal	1	0	1
	New Zealand Fur Seal	1	1	0
Total Interactions		35	12	23

## Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery – Gillnet, Hook & Trap Sector

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Injured
Demersal Auto-longline	Australian Fur Seal	1	0	1	0
	Birds	2	2	0	0
	Flesh Footed Shearwater	1	0	1	0
	Longfin Mako	9	2	7	0
	Shortfin Mako	3	1	2	0
	White Chinned Petrel	7	1	6	0
Demersal Gillnet	Albatrosses	1	1	0	0
	Birds	2	2	0	0
	Common Dolphin	2	0	2	0
	Cormorants	2	0	2	0
	Dolphins	2	0	2	0
	Pacific Gull	1	0	1	0
	Petrels and Shearwaters Unspecified	1	1	0	0
	Sealions	1	1	0	0
	Seals	1	0	1	0
	Short Tailed Shearwater	1	0	0	1
	Shortfin Mako	1	0	1	0
	White Shark	6	4	2	0
Demersal Longline	Albatrosses	2	2	0	0
	White Shark	3	3	0	0
Dropline	Birds	1	1	0	0
Total Interactions		50	21	28	1

## High Seas Non-Trawl Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Demersal Auto-longline	White Chinned Petrel	1	0	1
Total Interactions		1	0	1

## North West Slope Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Injured
Scampi Trawl	Manta Ray	2	2	0	0
	Oceanic Whitetip Shark	2	2	0	0
	Porbeagle	2	1	0	1
	Silky Shark	2	1	1	0
	Total Interactions	8	6	1	1

## Northern Prawn Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Seasnakes	7	3	4
	Total Interactions	7	3	4

## Small Pelagic Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Midwater Otter Trawl	Common Dolphin	1	1	0
	Total Interactions	1	1	0

## Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Unknown
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Seasnakes	28	26	1	1
	Total Interactions	28	26	1	1

## Heard and McDonald Islands Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
HMI Scientific Permits (Bottom Trawl)	Southern Black Browed Albatross	2	2	0
	Porbeagle	1	0	1
	Total Interactions	3	2	1

## Active Fisheries – fisheries actively fishing but recording no interactions during the period

Fishery
Coral Sea Fishery
Great Australian Bight
Ross and Amundsen Sea Exploratory
SA Coastal Waters
Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery
Southern Squid Jig Fishery
Torres Strait Commercial Fishing Licence
Torres Strait Traditional Inhabitant Fishing Boat Licence